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## SC rules foreign mining firms can operate here

By Don E. Paaligan

**MANILA**—In landmark ruling, the Supreme Court yesterday declared that foreign mining companies could exploit the country's mineral resources.

The 240-page decision, the longest in the high court's history, is expected to open the door to foreign investment.



**MOTHER and child** in the ruins of a village destroyed by a typhoon.

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# Storm death toll hits 500

## Cory Aquino to receive democracy int'l award

**MANILA**—Cory Aquino, one of the world's most prominent political figures in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and Oceania, "former President Cory Aquino will receive the 1994 Nobel Human Rights Award in Washington, DC from the Philippine National Democratic Institute on Dec. 10.

By Aquino is scheduled to leave tonight.

His Aquino was elected to one of the six international members who were unanimously elected to the Nobel Peace Prize.

The first woman US secretary of state, Albright said tribute to the peaceful People Power Revolution (EDSA) that was the foundation of his Aquino as the first woman president of the Philippines.

Many of the awards would be made in the democratic struggle were achieved by the 1986 EDSA.

## Ocampo wife: ₱2.2 M is my personal loan

By Andy de la Cruz

**MANILA**—The wife of a former president of the Philippines, Mrs. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, said that the ₱2.2 million she received from the government was a personal loan.

She said that the money was not a gift but a loan that she had to pay back. She said that the money was used for her personal expenses.

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CRISIS: The mangrove forest of Laguna and the rice fields are no longer there in Baguio, Aurora Province. Photo was taken from the Philippine Air Force 10th Search and Rescue plane. (Photo courtesy of the Philippine Air Force)

## Evacuation center in Quezon falls, 100 missing

**QUEZON**—“Please help us. The others are dead,” Olympia Romanos pleaded with journalists who had walked through mud and debris from the straggling village of Mangrove 20 km away.

“This and I must have seen the rain are coming again and I am afraid,” said Romanos, 75, who along with her sister 7-year-old granddaughter, managed to survive the flood by using “Pine” that turned their village in a river of mud.

But, a crowd of 30,000 people, was not becoming a ghost town to the survivors stranded in the mud. The approaching typhoon was expected to hit land on Thursday night. (See story on page 1)

Some officials are preparing a team to go to the area to rescue the survivors. They are from the Philippine Air Force 10th Search and Rescue plane.

Quinto said the corps that was sent to the school grounds were starting to disappear. “The search of dead bodies is all over the area, as there is no other means to go to the area by the ‘Pine’.”

PHOTO BY AP

## 10 soldiers killed on combat patrol or rescue mission?

By Renato Reyes and Corrado Reyes

**MANILA**—The military and police are still looking for a missing soldier in a combat operation.

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A report was also filed that an soldier was wounded. Lt. Col. Romeo Mera, 10 soldiers were killed.

PHOTO BY AP

## Forest rangers to be armed, anti-illegal logging unit formed

By John Loring Jr.

**MANILA**—Mangrove forests are being cleared by the military and police to make way for a logging operation. The military and police are still looking for a missing soldier in a combat operation.

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PHOTO BY AP

**STAR DRIVER AN ACTION STAR!**

Angelo finds new job as Lapid's driver

By Christine O. Alvarado

**MANILA**—Angelo Lapid, a former driver of the late President Corason Aquino, has found a new job as the driver of the new president, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo.

He is now driving the president's car. He is now driving the president's car. He is now driving the president's car.

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## STORIES FROM THE DEPTHS

## Priest dies while trying to save others

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## Storm signals up as 'Yoyong' roars toward Luzon

**TAIPEI**—“Yoyong,” Category 5 typhoon, is expected to hit Luzon. The typhoon is expected to hit Luzon.

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# Guia's secretary, guard testify for Erap, belie Chavit story

By Armand M. Mazon

OSMA, Guia's appointment secretary and security guard have denied seeing Erap last Jan. 1 after "Chavit" began in the Chinese residence to this case in a live alleged "betting" scene.

According to 145 defense witness, Juan Arles told the Sandiganbayan hearing the plaintiff and security charges against deposed President Joseph Estrada

denied she had not seen Erap on Jan. 1 after Erap's arrest on Nov. 30, 2001.

Guia had claimed in the impeachment trial against Erap that he went to the Chinese residence and delivered money from a party collection.

"There is no truth to what he (Erap) was saying," Arles told in Piquito, where asked by defense counsel Jose Francisco. "He had not been there

even once," she said.

An appointment secretary, Arles said, she would have known about Erap's visit since she received all visitors of Guia, mother of San Juan Mayor R. Erap.

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Prosecution Erap's. "Vila Igones" attempted to make Arles admit that she could not have known all visitors who entered the Chinese house on weekends.

Arles also admitted that she could not remember all the visitors on days when she was on duty or off duty after Vila Igones gave a window of time.

But those dates turned out to be on weekends, leaving Arles in a bind that she could not remember all the dates.

"The purpose for which she was presented was not truthful. She admitted that on weekends, she leaves the house of Guia," Vila Igones said, adding that Arles "never categorically" admitted Erap's or his wife Maria Lim visited Guia's place on weekends.

Next Thursday, the 11th defense witness and a stay-in guard, also testified on seeing Erap's years after in San Juan Erap 1999 to October 2000.

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THE BUZZ ON BOY AND KRIS LEAVING 'THE BUZZ'

## 'We promised each other we'd quit together'

By Maribel R. Cruz

**T**AKE show host Boy Abunda is not quitting 'The Buzz' anytime soon but he would leave the show if his co-host Kris Aquino would decide to resign—"Five or six years from now," he told Kris that if one of us leaves, then the other would follow," they told viewers on December 1st on the phone last Thursday. "When you're in the show, you're in the show," he said to Kris Aquino.

Kris heard the rumors from someone, "It's not my job, the show, they said I promised each other that if the show ends, we'd quit together."

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### SHOW STOPPER

Talk of Boy's quitting 'The Buzz' began circulating in showbiz circles when Kris, in a press conference for her new movie, 'The Happy Together' from Regal Films, first brought up the idea of resigning from the Sunday afternoon show on ABC-GMA.

"Some people start to misinterpret Kris when she said we'd both resign," Boy stated. "The possibility of me resigning from 'The Buzz' is remote right now."

"She didn't leave me hanging (I quit) but I'm not making it final," Boy added quickly. "I know that I'm only as good as my last show."

Kris had admitted that she was "considering" ending up 'The Buzz' because of her very busy schedule. The actress-TV host is also a regular cast of the drama series 'It's a Wonderful Life' and the game show 'Come to the Big' that is also in 'The Happy Together' for the Metro Manila Film Festival, which starts on Christmas Day.

In 'It's a Wonderful Life', Kris' character

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# The WORLD

## UN unveils sweeping reforms

## Obscure UN body set for abolition

**UNITED NATIONS**—The United Nations on Tuesday unveiled a reorganizing proposal to overhaul the organization, including the Security Council, in what would be the most comprehensive UN reform since its founding in 1945.

After three decades and the rise in the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's office to a high-level panel last year to come up with the blueprint and find the United Nations' edge in the global world beyond the 21st century.

The panel's report released Tuesday proposed more than 100 recommendations, including cuts—an expansion of the Security Council and abolition of other entities—that have shaped UN diplomacy for years.

In writing out a blueprint for reform, the Security Council, the report also takes into account the UN's role in the world since its founding in 1945, which was strongly opposed by Asian and Pacific countries.

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FILE photo taken June 17, 1997 shows Princess Diana smiling to greet her husband Prince Charles after their wedding ceremony in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

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# Asia vows to fight harder to stop spread of AIDS

**BEIJING**—Asian leaders on Wednesday vowed to fight harder to stop the spread of AIDS.

In China, the government organized a new leading force consisting of an AIDS epidemic task force to coordinate the fight against the disease. The task force will coordinate the fight against the disease. The task force will coordinate the fight against the disease.

Like many countries in Asia, China has been criticized for being slow to act. The AIDS is a growing problem for the Asian public health system.

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China says it has an estimated 100,000 people infected with the AIDS virus and 10,000 who have the high-risk disease. The UN AIDS agency has estimated that China could have as many as 10 million people infected by 2008 if it doesn't take urgent action.

Elsewhere in Asia, health officials around the continent are not so optimistic.

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Health workers, parents and not even in Thailand—one of the countries hardest hit by the disease and among the first to launch prevention campaigns—came out in search through the streets of the capital, Bangkok.

More than 200 people have died of AIDS in Thailand, where about 57,000 cases live with the disease. Thai health authorities are providing free genetic tests to people at risk.

In the Philippines, gay men—some meeting with death—were with traditional customs—arranged to have the party. They were to promote HIV prevention. But then a drinking bout led to a fight, and a police officer was shot.

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## 26 killed, 40 injured in Indonesian plane crash

**SOLO, Indonesia**—Investigations started through the wreckage of an Indonesian passenger plane that crashed after skidding off the runway in stormy weather, killing at least 26 people in the country's worst air accident in six years.

At least 40 others were injured when the jetliner, a Lion Air plane, crashed through a forest at the end of the runway and ended up in a forested area.

The crash occurred on Sunday, the 26th, in Solo, a city in central Java. The plane was carrying 66 people, including 54 passengers and 12 crew members.

The body of the pilot of the 40-42 was recovered early. The crash site was a forested area.

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## WORLD BRIEFS

### Egypt, Israel discuss Gaza withdrawal

**TEL AVIV**—Egypt's foreign minister and Israeli prime minister on Wednesday discussed the terms of a potential Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip, including the deployment of Israeli troops to Israel's border with the Gaza Strip. The discussion was held in a meeting between Egyptian Foreign Minister Shoukry and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. The meeting was held in a meeting between Egyptian Foreign Minister Shoukry and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

**6 Americans killed in Afghan plane crash**

**KABUL**—The US military command Wednesday said that 62 military personnel and 100 US military aircraft were involved in a plane crash in the mountainous region of Afghanistan. The crash occurred on Wednesday, the 26th, in a mountainous region of Afghanistan. The crash occurred on Wednesday, the 26th, in a mountainous region of Afghanistan.

**Saudi Arabia seizes attorney general's office**

**RIYADH**—Saudi Arabia's attorney general's office on Wednesday was seized by the Saudi government. The seizure occurred on Wednesday, the 26th, in Riyadh. The seizure occurred on Wednesday, the 26th, in Riyadh.

## Death toll at China mine blast hits 166

**BEIJING**—The death toll in a massive coal mine explosion in early China has risen to 166, making it the worst disaster in the country's mining history.

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# Drew Barrymore's father dies

LOS ANGELES—John Drew Barrymore, the troubled but so-called dynasty and the father of movie star Drew Barrymore, died Monday at 72.

"It was a real sad, Please while you're still of him," Drew Barrymore said in a statement. His father had been diagnosed about the cause of death after he died.

John D. Barrymore was part of an acting clan that included his father, the famed stage and early film actor John Barrymore, and his father's wife, Lillian.

## Godzilla joins immortals

From left to right: John D. Barrymore, the troubled but so-called dynasty and the father of movie star Drew Barrymore, died Monday at 72.

The film is the 30th Godzilla, released by Toho Co. Ltd. since the giant, prehistoric beast, awakened by atomic bomb tests, first roared out of the Pacific to devastate civilization in the original 1954 movie.

A metaphor for the perils of the nuclear age, the film was made nine years after the end of World War II, when the Bombing

ings, lived Barrymore and Drew Barrymore, Drew Barrymore is his daughter by his third wife, Robin and Barrymore.

He was born in Beverly Hills on June 4, 1932. His mother was actress Evelyn Cowley.

He started his career as a teenager, appearing professionally first as John Barrymore Jr. and then as John Drew Barrymore.

His early roles in the 1950s included the movie "The Bandwagons,"

"High Society," "Quincy," "The Big Night," "Thunderbolt" and "White the City Sleeps."

Along the way there were problems with drugs, drunken driving and violence, arrests and others.

By the early 1960s he had lost his license for driving, working in European movies.

"The last time, when he was arrested at all," he said in a 1992 interview. "The last I know of, he was doing just happy."

of Tokyo and similar destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were still fresh in Japan's national consciousness.

Soon after it was released in Japan, Hollywood producers bought US rights to the film and

instead of adding it to the original, they made the original with new scenes starting from the end as an American re-creation covering the movie's images through Tokyo.

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## Timely warnings from 'Mr. Typhoon'

By Jan Benkay  
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**W**HENEVER a storm looms, David Michael "K. Paka, 32, delivers a rare service to people whose activities depend on the weather.

For free, one can visit Paka's website, [www.Typhoon2000.com](http://www.Typhoon2000.com), and be updated on an ongoing basis in the Philippines. The free primary website in the country has tracked tropical systems over 10 years. It was founded by the "Sugar's Choice Award" in 1999 by the Philippine Web Awards in the environmental category.

Paka, who describes himself as an ordinary guy with a computer hobby in typhoons, built the website in 1997 and began handling requests up to now. The website has gained a long run with 2.7 million registered hits a month as of now. It provides a mail update twice a month and subscribers from all over the world.

But Paka is quick to say that his website does not assume the role of a weather forecasting agency. He warns that the data and information on his page must not be used to make "life-or-death decisions."

From his own point of view, Paka says a US-based person paid him a US\$1000 a year to maintain his website. He has also brought his own page to obtain detailed weather data on the weather.

He incorporated the data with satellite images and information from the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) of the

United States Navy and the Joint Force in the Pacific, known as the United States' Regional Operational Meteorological Group (RPMG), the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), and the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA).

### Forecasting skill

Recently, Paka's forecasting skill helped mitigate the disastrous effects of Typhoon "Onding" in Naga City. After Paga laughed in its forecast with very late typhoon warning, he immediately called up the mayor, Jesse Robredo, to warn him that the typhoon was approaching to port a few hours.

Robredo hastily called a meeting of the disaster coordinating council in the late afternoon on Dec. 15 to prepare the communities of impending danger.

When Onding hit the city, not a single human life was lost even though Paga said it hit the city at around 10:30 p.m. when the typhoon was then raging.

Paka has extensive knowledge himself as one of the most active members of the exclusive Global Cyclone Discussion Group with around 100 members from the US, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada,



Paka's typhoon website every 48 hours when one is developing in the Asia-Pacific region.

Mexico, France, Hungary and Brazil. The more technical, the stronger information and data are the weather job.

Paka said his passion to lead work because the latest development of posting more material which he was busy in school.

His mother Emma notified that he had displayed such an unusual interest in typhoons when he was just 5 years old. Whenever extreme weather, the young boy would always ask a favor, if only to see what

was going on outside, she said.

### Admission rush

"Every time a typhoon comes into the Philippine area of responsibility, there are thousands of people who want to see what is going on," Paka said. He could not sleep and it pains, he added.

At 13, Paka was the youngest participant in a workshop sponsored by Paga. He was one of those who immediately learned the technology of plotting ty-

phoons and religiously applied and continuously improved the skills he acquired.

Showing an old newspaper page, Paka said the diagram on it was the first work he had done that currently plotted the path of Typhoon "Onding" on Oct. 21, 1999. He was only 17 then.

Arthur Baling, chief meteorological officer of Paga in Cebu, said that when Paka was still a high school student at the Naga College Foundation (NCF), he would come to the weather agency

during typhoons and engage him in various discussions while they looked at the screen.

Paka recalls that his passion for typhoons started back in elementary school. In his case, while he was still in high school, he called up a radio station and gave updates of the typhoon. A Paga official immediately told him to refrain from announcing unofficial warning, he said.

### Reprimand

Despite the reprimand, Paka said he continued to feed typhoon updates to the local radio station all the way.

When he studied at the University of the Philippines Diliman in Quezon City in 1991, he would have enrolled in a meteorological course, but it was only offered in postgraduate students. He applied for a four-year Bachelor of Science in Geography.

A younger sister, Michelle, who was also studying in UP Diliman, recalled that her brother's passion for typhoons started in elementary school.

Whenever a typhoon came his brother would get excited, she said, and he would not stop listening friends about the latest developments.

"In the student hall where he was a resident, he named the room 'Mr. Typhoon,' she recalled.

After graduating from college in 1995, Paka accepted a teaching job at the NCF. Later, he was assigned in Internet systems administration of the school, a position that he still holds today.

## Panaw Sa Kalinga Peace Conference



It has been four years since Tabang Mindanao - Integrated Return and Rehabilitation Program (TM-IRRP) started the journey with the Sanctuaries for Peace and other stakeholders. Together it found ways to rebuild and reestablish the peoples' vision and commitment to peace. Through these years, many inspiring stories unfolded, and many challenges encountered, transformed into new opportunities for learning and development. These stories are waiting to be told among fellow trail seekers of peace.

The Philippines - Canada Development Fund (PCDF) and the Tabang Mindanao - Integrated Return and Rehabilitation Program (TM-IRRP) will hold a three-day peace and development conference entitled, PANAW SA KALINAW (A Journey to Peace), to share the successful experiences of communities within the sanctuaries for peace and hopefully stimulate more inspirations and transformative action within and outside the sanctuaries for peace communities.

The conference will have exhibits and festivities, incorporated in the conference are the launchings of a PEACE MUSEUM and a book, entitled PANAW SA KALILINTAD, about the TM-IRRP experience with the Sanctuaries for Peace. These will all be held in the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City, from December 2 to 4, 2004.

The said conference will have Ambassador Peter Sutherland of the Canadian Embassy, Secretary Teresita Deles, Presidential Adviser to the Peace Process and members of the Tabang Mindanao Task Force represented by Ambassador Howard Dee and Ms. Margie Moya-Florendo.

The Sanggunians, the Lumads and Christians of Mindanao would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people, groups and individuals, peace advocates, government and non-government agencies for all the support that they have contributed for the past four years in transforming the communities devastated by war to communities of peace.



## WINNIE'S WET AND WILD FURY



FAMILY that lost home and belongings wades through floodwaters in Olongapo, Bataan, for higher, safer ground.



Delayed aid to evacuees in Infanta may cause them to just die

THE INVOICENT garden market by its nature, one of the regular of their home in Rodriguez, Bulacan, Bataan.



MUSE lights the road, at least sometimes, helping to save it from water-logged floodwaters in Olongapo, Bataan.



PALANT is only yesterday that President Arroyo was visiting the victims of Typhoon "Yolanda" in Rodriguez, Bulacan, Bataan.



SURVIVORS cover floors and walls with plastic to keep them dry in Rodriguez, Bulacan, Bataan.



A BABY is cradled by his mother in Rodriguez, Bataan.



NOT EXACTLY the location of the floodwaters in Rodriguez, Bataan.



THE CHOPPER with a pump-out motor, 1 island from the shore.

AT A HOUSE that "Wolanda" was kind to Rodriguez, Bataan, one child walks away from a flood through the thick mud on the floor.



WHILE the going is good, the interesting gathering of the logs they can get their hands on in Caidan, Pangasinana.



THE SHORELINE with the logs, a view of the shoreline of logs and trees logs.

































## CENTER FOR BRIDGING SOCIETAL DIVIDES

# In Mindanao, hope springs for tomorrow's leaders

By Miguel L. Ho

TRADITIONAL divisions are fast to bring about societal change, but the great work they do is often the work needed to help to get them back on track. So it is not unusual to see them in the Philippines.

The need for a center that would bridge the "social divide" and bring about change has come to strong. At Mindanao Philanthropy Corp. and the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) have joined forces to create a center for bridging societal divides.

### CORPORATE CITIZEN

AIM, the Asian Institute of Management, is a leading center for bridging societal divides. The center is focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor, and the center is also focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor.

#### Mindanao first

Centered last February, the AIM-Mindanao Center will have its first office in Mindanao. In initial years will be devoted to creating an environment that will develop and strengthen the leadership of tomorrow's leaders.

While other Asian societies have made great social reform progress, parts of Mindanao continue to suffer the effects of an internal conflict that has resulted in a security crisis.

As a result, employment and livelihood opportunities remain scarce, inequality is high, and violence is a constant threat to the lives of the people. The center is focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor.

The center is not just about the rich and the poor, but also about the rich and the poor. The center is focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor.

"The establishment of the Center for Bridging Societal Divides cannot be more timely and relevant," said the center's director, "The center's focus is on addressing the needs of the people, and the center is focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor."

Moving toward the goal  
To be able to achieve its objectives, the center is focused on bridging the gap between the rich and the poor.



AIM leaders are up to the task in one of the programs after the AIM-Mindanao Center for Bridging Societal Divides. Held in Davao City last August, the workshop brought together 45 provincial and local officials to discuss their leadership skills.



MINDANAO development workers have a speaker discussing the ways and means to help the people in the conflict-ridden island.

## BOI: 74% of total investments are energy-related

By Miguel L. Ho

AMER growing interest in a power plant in the first quarter of 2009, according to the BOI, is a sign of the growing interest in the power sector. The BOI reported that the total investments in the power sector for the first quarter of 2009 were P250 million, or 74 percent of the total investments in the power sector.

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## Looming 24-hour blackouts seen to result in daily losses of P2B

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## DOF, BSP cited for RP's strong performance

By Michael V. Sison

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## The possible dream

Art? Chef Arnel Manuel's story is not typical. A job in the business wasn't his career choice. He also did not go to school.

### KITCHEN RESCUE

By  
Anggie  
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It all happened by accident, a very happy one for all of us who know him and work with him. The Maestro, equipped with no more than devotion and passion, is today a force to reckon with in the culinary world. His restaurant, Lolo Dad's, remains one of the country's finest.

My good friend and wife, Karen, colleague shares his story with Kitchen Rescue.

In the dream of being a chef, possible with limited funds? No, for as long as you are devoted. It takes devotion. You have to work harder to build your dream.

What made you decide to be a chef?

I was moved from the main division (at the time) to the kitchen and fell in love with it. How did you start?

No formal training. I started from scratch. My career started at the time as a room boy. I was there a self-motivating, student taking up courses.

When I moved to the kitchen, I fell in love with the art of food preparation. I was intrigued by the old kitchen and its caring atmosphere. I moved to the President's Club and was trained by my first mentor, chef Tony Palomo.

When the (Shangri-La) opened, I took my chance and was hired. From there I moved to The Inn

again. Then, to the Mandarin. I was promoted from chef de partie to sous chef of the Food. It was there that I met my great mentor, chef Norbert Gamble.

My last hotel job was at the Grand Philippine Plaza.

In 1998, I decided to move on and, together with my wife, to spread Lolo Dad's.

What advice would you give those who want to pursue this career?

Stay focused. I would advise them to apply in hotels or restaurants. For me, you get the best training in hotels. The standards are higher. Being able to learn from chefs from all over the world makes a big difference.

Work from the bottom up. You need as much exposure and training as possible. To be a chef needs a lot of talent and hard work. The job must be taken seriously.

To whom do you owe your success?

To my mentors, chef Tony Palomo and my great mentor, chef Norbert Gamble, who allowed me to practice my culinary skills and develop my leadership abilities.

To what do you owe your success?

Devotion, passion, hard work, and it has no cost.

Spaghetti aglio e olio

(Spaghetti + oil + garlic) is a classic, though it hardly finds its way to busy restaurant menus. It

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CHEF Arnel's sample of the appetizers on the menu of Lolo Dad's





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How to make Sashimi  
or Nigiri Sushi  
Market in Tokyo

## The other Japanese art

Text and photos by Janis Victoria  
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**I**N JAPAN, food is as pleasing to the stomach as it is to the eyes. The Japanese take food preparation so seriously it is considered an art form. There's even an entire television show just on rating restaurants and it's hosted by one of Japan's popular husbands, V6. This is probably why food is quite

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STEWED soup or a dumpling from Nanking Steamed Bun restaurant

Rice is one of the most valued things in Japan that, in the past, wealth was measured according to how much rice a person had

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expensive there. On the average, a meal costs ¥1000 (¥500). In the end, it is money spent wisely.

The food scene in Japan is quite global as there's no restriction here against Japanese food.

## Indian

On a recent trip to Japan, we sampled Indian food at Curry House in the Madras Curry House in Osaka. Skipped through Indian every a century ago, Nani Restaurant great for warming up during cold seasons. Inexpensive, the settings of Curry House are huge and hard to finish, but you have to.

Rice is one of the most valued things in Japan. Gohan, their word for it, means "humble food." For a long time in Japanese history, rice was used as currency and wealth was measured according to how much rice a

person had. To have lots of it on your plate is a status.

## Chinese

Nanking Steamed Bun Restaurant in China has benefited our and our shop in the shop and some expensive dishes of the shop in Tokyo. The Nanking Steamed Bun Restaurant is famous for its rice long porridge or "congee" dumplings with other pork or chicken filling.

On the outside, the dumplings look just like any other you would pick up in any Chinese restaurant. Oh, but inside, it's a whole new experience! The first thing to do is eat the soup from inside the dumpling, like you do with a hot pot. If you bite into the dumpling it will burst and you'll be in a mess.

The soup is very hot but hot as this is not for people with high cholesterol levels. Don't drink all the soup; save some for when you bite into your dumpling. The magical soup is what makes all the difference. That's why, at Nanking's house, it is said that one could avoid to live for more than an hour! Looking it only took us 10 minutes. But as if you're not serious enough, the restaurant has plans for you: You can eat all the foods using their plan, ordering the most and enjoying their food as you eat.

## Something fishy

I had my first taste of Maguro Donburi—raw tuna rice topping—at the Tokyo Fish Market, which was the only market open in our Tokyo Guide Book that we visited in. Tokyo is where all the fish of the city comes from. But it's more like a warehouse than a market. To get a taste of the freshest fish, go there early in the a.m. In between the warehouses where the fish are sold, there are always food shops and small restaurants.



CURRY rice shop in Osaka

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